

# Message from the Superintendent



Senator Bill Nelson and Superintendent Jerre
Brumbelow

On December 28, 2005, Florida Senator Bill Nelson and his family visited Cumberland Island National Seashore. The senator was impressed with the history and natural beauty of the island and called the park a "National Treasure". We toured the island with stops at Plum Orchard, Dungeness, Stafford Chimneys, The Settlement, The Warf Ruins, Sea Camp, and the beach. The group also had a tour through Greyfield Inn and met with Mitty and Mary Jo Ferguson and received an island history lesson from Jamie Ferguson. Senator Nelson and his family also visited with Nancy Rockerfeller Copp and Lucy Foster. He was very interested in the many issues facing the park and gave his support to the numerous efforts being done to preserve this special place for the benefit of the American public.

The park is waiting for the DAF (Director's Approval Forms) to work their way through the bureaucracy, so that

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The Nelson Family: (from left) Bill, Grace, Nan Ellen and Bill Jr.

the contracts can be awarded for the renovation of Plum Orchard and the stabilization of Dungeness. There will be lots of activity on the island during construction, so our main focus will be getting these jobs done safely.

Hartramph, Inc., and Jordan, Jones & Goulding

Inc., will officially begin a transportation study on January 26, 2006. This study will define how visitors are transported to the island's north end in the future.

With the completion of the new comfort station at the Stafford Beach campground, that area becomes the second developed campground on the island. This will provide for a safer and more sanitary experience for our visitors.

Thank you to everyone for your hard work last year! I appreciate your assistance as we prepare for a very busy new year!

Jerre Brumbelow Superintendent



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## **Federal Raise**

The federal pay raise was finalized and the increase for this area totaled 2.83%. This includes both the across-the-board raise and the locality pay. For the GS employees, the raise takes effect the first pay period of the new year, beginning January 8, 2006. For WG and WS employees it will be effective in March 2006.

### **Health Benefits**

The new premium rates paid by employees for the Federal Employees Health Benefits program is also effective the first full pay period of 2006. Premiums on average are increasing by around seven percent in 2006, although that average is a wide variation of actual changes, with some plans exceeding that figure substantially while others had smaller increases and a few actually lowered their premiums.

# Thrift Savings Plan

In 2006, higher contributions will be allowed for the TSP [Thrift Savings Plan]. Biweekly investments in the TSP will no longer be limited according to an employee's percentage of his/her salary. The dollar cap is going up to \$15,000. Also, investors age fifty and older during 2006 can make special "catch-up" investments over and above the limits that otherwise would apply to them. The maximum catch-up investment, which must be

made through payroll withholding, is rising to \$5,000 in 2006.

## **Information Technology**

Administrative Support Assistant **Justin Helton** will be adding IT duties to his list of responsibilities while this position is vacant. Please

do not hesitate to contact Justin [extension 226] for any computer problems or technical advice. Justin will also be working with Purchasing Agent **Larry Pilcher** in setting up a computer in the Visitor Center for our visitors to use to make on-line reservations for the Cumberland Island ferry as well as for camping on the island.

### **Fiscal Services**

Budget Technician **Mary Jones** balanced our park's FY2005. She is working diligently to keep the park from exceeding their FY06 budget. One of Mary's duties is to reconcile your individual charge card statements, so please help her out by making certain to forward your *Bank of America* statements to her with your completed documentation log and the receipts attached within five days after you receive your statement.

# **Leave and Earning Statements**

As you are aware by now, there are no longer individual paper Leave and Earning statements. However, you can log onto Employee Express and print your own individual statement each pay period. If you need assistance,





# My Learning Manager

Whenever you find a TELnet course that you have an interest in taking, make sure to follow these three steps:

<u>Step 1</u>: Alert me, as soon as possible, that you are interested in taking the course. This will allow me ample time to register our site to receive the signal.

<u>Step</u> <u>2</u>: Register for the course on My Learning Manager. If you do not register, you will not receive credit for attending the course.

<u>Step</u> <u>3</u>: Make sure to sign the Attendance Sheet while taking the course. This will confirm your attendance.

\*\*\*Reminder: Your My Learning Manager user name is your first and last name with a space in between and your password is the same as your INotes password. If you do not remember your password, go to:

https://my.nps.gov/project/webmail.nsf/sslhomepage?OpenPage





# **Upcoming TEL NPS Courses:**

Feb 01, 2006 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM "LEGAL UPDATE"

Event ID: EVT-2737

**Event Coordinator: Billy Shott** 

Four hours of Legal Update presented by

NPS and FLETC staff.

Last day to register is January 25, 2006.

Feb 02, 2006 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM & Feb 02, 2006 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

"The Perfect Fit: People, Equipment, and Processes"

Event ID: EVT-2793

Event Coordinator: CDR Edward Perez USPHS, 202-513-7214

Event Notes Last day to register is January 29, 2006.

Feb 06, 2006 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM "LE REFRESHER MSCL-3HRS" Event ID: EVT-2749

NPS policy review, tasers, secondary weapons, hot topics.......

Last day to register is January 30, 2006.



The YCC Kitchen has recently been completed. We now have a clean and functional group kitchen and meeting area for Staff. The facelift included new floors, ceilings and painting. The kitchen appliances, sinks and countertops were upgraded.





After over thirty years Stafford Campground now has a much needed Comfort Station. Materials used in the design are environmentally friendly, floors and walls are made from plastic and cementitious materials. Happy Camping! Due to open the weekend of 1/21/06.



Rains in the last few months have flooded the main road just north of Malkintooh Creek Bridge. Road repairs cannot be made in that area at this time because it would cause more harm than good. Other road systems are under water as well, including North Cut Road. Please avoid wet areas if possible to prevent damage to vehicles and the resource.





The Bachlott House has a new paint job.(left) During the Holiday season contractors were hired to pressure wash, caulk and paint the structure. The color matches Plum Orchard. John Fry and Carl David did manage to coax all the bats out of the attic before the painters plugged all the holes.(right)

-David Casey, Facility Manager







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**Those Happy Holidays -** Volunteers and staff enjoyed making "Holiday Crafts" on the island using a variety of natural and recycled materials. Interpretive Rangers and Cumberland volunteer Glennis Colburn organized the event, which was so fun that we plan on making it an annual event. We enjoyed hot apple cider, Holiday music, and



Rachel Veal and Courtney Greene with one of their many creations

fellowship. It was an absolute delight to enjoy some traditional Holiday activities on the island, visit with each other, and of course creatively build handmade ornaments, wreaths, candle holders, chains, wind chimes, handmade paper, bookmarks, etc. Mark your calendar next year for the first weekend in December, I can promise it will be fun.



Charlene Williams and Donna Hampton making Magnolia Pod ornaments



Miss Lucy Foster having a marvelous



Paul Antic with his assignment:"I can't believe they want a wreath out of this"



Volunteer John Lahiff has finished his masterpiece



"Wala.....well Glennis Colburn helped a little."



Mac Flowers, Jeanne Legner (in VIP uniforms) along with Diane Torgerson, and Robert Brown are among 12 who participated in the training.

Volunteer and Staff participate in Training and Development opportunities - Interpretive Ranger Ginger Cox offers a training class for park staff and volunteers to help them understand how to lead visitors from "just visiting" the park to fostering an ethic of stewardship and care of its cultural and natural history. Cox is a Certified Interpretive Guide and Trainer with the National Association for Interpretation, and a Fundamentals Trainer with the National Park Service.



 $\label{local-control} \mbox{Joyce Hulbirt (center) discusses the many physical and cultural characteristics of a whelk shell with Donna Hampton L, and Joe Hulbirt R. \\$ 

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# Volunteer Trail Crews Clear the Way

Campers and Hikers will find improved trails and signage on Cumberland Island thanks to the diligent efforts of volunteer Trail Boss David Yemm and the SCA trail crew, Bryan Rodriquez, Courtney Greene, Philip Prichard and Rachel Veal.

David Yemm has years of experience in both paid and volunteer positions in the National Park

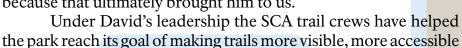


From left to right: David Yemm, Courtney Greene, Bryan Rodriguez, Rachel Veal, Wick Prichard

Service, National Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. He holds a BS in Forest Resource Management. David brings a wealth of experience including supervising work crews in backcountry and wilderness areas, coordinating logistics of supplies utilizing a combination of vehicles, helicopters, livestock and hiking, performing and leading masonry work, carpentry work, trail restoration and historic preservation, operating rock drills, chainsaws, and performing heavy equipment operations on front country roads, leading fire crews on prescribed burns and wildfires, as well as designing and safely executing 25 blasts as a Master Blaster in charge, 20 as a blaster in training and serving as a mentor for a blaster in

training.

David has been recognized for his excellent work quality, safe operations, leadership and volunteer service. Most of this had been accomplished in remote wilderness areas with no direct supervision and in an isolated environment. This is why Cumberland was a great match for his skills and interests. We are indeed fortunate that David's wife Ericka, was recently accepted at FLETC, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick Georgia, because that ultimately brought him to us.





David Yemm

and improving trail signage. To date David has put in over 400 hours of volunteer service, while the SCA crew has logged close to 1000 hours collectively. Accomplishments include cutting wood for signs, routing letters, and posting at least 30 wooden signs identifying trails and directions, clearing and restoring on Ashley Pond Trail, Kings Bottom Trail, Rayfield, Table Point Trail, and are continuing work on Brickhill and Bunkely, which are badly overgrown. The crew has also assisted with exotic vegetation removal and they continue doing periodic beach clean-ups.

Volunteers contribute in so many ways to park operations, so on behalf of the staff and visitors of Cumberland Island WE THANK YOU!!

-Ginger Hollingsworth-Cox Interpretive Ranger

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In 1885, a gentleman by the name of John R. Bachlott [son of Richard and Emily Bachlott] married a young lady named Mary Hawkins. Between 1885 and 1887, John, is deeded the land by his father-inlaw, T.D. Hawkins, on which he and his bride built a house. The house had two stories, boasting craftsman posts on the first story porch and folk Victorian posts on the second. All in all, the house displayed a mixture between folk and craftsman style throughout and it stood on 46 acres. There were box cornices, doublesash windows along with a transom over the front door. There were also lacelike brackets on the porches.

In 1911, A.M. Peeples came into possession of the house. He turned the house into a hotel and named it "St. Mary's House". During this time a wing and a porch extension is added onto the south end of



The Merrow Family

the house (1908-1912). Later, the property switches owners yet again. The Nancy Mott family is recorded in history as the owners who sell the property to Mr. and Mrs. D.A. McRae in 1927. In the 1930's, Mrs. McRae operated a short order restaurant in the Bachlott House. When Mrs. McRae passed away in 1950 her son, Tom Merrow, inherited the estate. However, in the 1970's, Tom passed away and the property was bought by Coastal Development. At the time of the recording of the sale, the acreage is noted as 64 acres and the house is listed as abandoned.

In the 1980's, Coastal Development Company filed for bankruptcy at which time Coastal Bank assumed ownership. The National Park Service acquired the Bachlott House from Coastal Bank. Once funding became available,



Descendents of the Bachlott Family

Cumberland Island National Seashore began an extensive remodeling of the Bachlott House beginning with restoration of the exterior and they added a wing onto the north end of the building. All that remains of the original building is the hardwood flooring, the staircase (not the banister), the bricks in the interior fireplaces and the south wing chimney.

During the month of November 2005, the Bachlott House was visited by descendents of both the Bachlott and Merrow families. Both families were happy to share their memories of the house and were pleased with the National Park Service for not allowing the house to perish.

The Bachlott House nowserves as the Administrative Headquarters for the park.

-Justin Helton and Julie Meeks



# ARCHAEOLOGY

Archaeological sites along Cumberland Island's western shoreline have always been susceptible to erosion, but hurricanes and tropical storms over the past two years have had a serious impact. The park received funding to conduct archaeological investigations at two of the most significant and most heavily threatened areas, Fort St. Andrews and Dungeness Wharf. The project's objectives are to recover exposed materials and evaluate portions of the sites in the most imminent danger of being lost. The work is being accomplished under contract with local Archaeologist Carolyn Rock and her assistants, which includes Student Conservation Association intern, Sarah Mosman. Field work was completed in the fall and the team is in the final stages of analysis, artifact treatment and curation, data processing, and report preparation.

Investigations at the British colonial Fort St. Andrews Complex revealed that most of the site has probably been lost to bank erosion, but a small corner may still be intact. Several colonial artifacts, nails and mortar were recovered within a deep midden. Recommendations will be made to further test the last remaining portion of what may have been Fort St. Andrews.

At the Dungeness Wharf Site, excavation of sixteen 1x2 meter units produced over 1300 ceramic fragments. Most (about 800) were identified as "San Pedro," a pottery style dating to the time of the Spanish mission San Pedro de Mocama, 1587-1660s. These ceramics were made by the Timucua Indians, inhabitants of Cumberland and the surrounding region.

About 90 of the 1300 fragments recovered were typed as "San Marcos," the kind of pottery that refugee Guale and Yamassee Indians would have made after the Timucua abandoned the site. Guale and/or Yamassee, escaping from English and enemy slave raids in the north, formed a tiny village at the same location between the 1660s and 1684. The small number of ceramics found was good evidence that the village was much smaller and lasted for a shorter period of time than the original San Pedro de Mocama. Some fragments displayed elaborate incised designs, indicating a tenacity of the Yamassee culture to cling to old ways rather than vield to mission life.

Twelve Spanish olive jar fragments found with the Timucua pottery revealed that the San Pedro village was associated with the mission. However, a higher percentage of Spanish artifacts would have been expected within the actual mission complex. Excavations at other mission sites have documented that a church, friary, and kitchen would be situated within a 60x60 meter area, surrounded by an Indian village. Because the Dungeness Wharf Site is so large, it is possible that the church complex still lies undiscovered. Alternatively, severe bank erosion at the site may have long ago destroyed all of the mission complex remains. Large daub fragments (from clay used to line house walls) found in one unit were probably part of a communal building, either a church or an Indian council house. Further investigations in some of the untested areas may shed new light on the whereabouts of the mission, the dynamics of the village, and the Timucuans' missionized way of life.

-Carolyn Rock and John Fry

# HOST FOR THE COAST

Some new faces will be showing up soon in the St. Marys Museum Building, as Cumberland Island National Seashore was recently selected as a host park for the Southeast Coast Inventory and Monitoring Network (SECN). The SECN is one of 32 Inventory and Monitoring Networks established across the National Park Service as part of the Natural Resource Challenge, a program to strengthen natural resource management system-wide and to make resource

resource management system-wide and to make resource conservation an integral consideration in all management actions. The division and arrangement of the networks is largely based on ecological patterns.

The Southeast Coast Network includes seventeen National parks with significant natural resources and extends along the Atlantic coast from the North Carolina-Virginia border south to Cape Canaveral, Florida and inland as far as Atlanta, Georgia and the Alabama Coastal Plain. Although network staff will be duty-stationed at Cumberland Island and Fort Sumter National Monument, their time and effort will be spread out among all seventeen network parks.

The five primary goals of the Network's Inventory and Monitoring program are to:

- 1. Conduct baseline inventories of natural resources, ncluding geology, vascular plants, vertebrate animals, water quality, and air quality. Most of the baseline inventory work is underway or has been completed, primarily through cooperative agreements with universities;
- **2. Develop a coordinated long-term monitoring program** at the seventeen SECN parks to efficiently and effectively monitor ecosystem status and trends over time at various spatial scales;
- **3.Develop Decision Support Systems** (including GIS and other tools) to aid park managers in identifying, evaluating, and implementing management options.

**4.Integrate inventory and monitoring** programs with park planning, operation and maintenance, visitor protection, and interpretation activities to establish natural resource preservation and protection as an integral part of park management.



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Southeast Coast Inventory and

Monitoring Network

**5.Cooperate with other federal and state agencies** to share resources, achieve common goals, and avoid unnecessary duplication of effort and expense. Every effort is being made to develop cost-sharing and technology exchange agreements with other agencies conducting inventories or monitoring.

The first member of the network to arrive will be Wildlife Biologist, Mike Byrne, who starts on January 23. Remote Sensing Specialist, Tony Curtis will follow shortly thereafter in February. Eventually a total of seven permanent SECN positions are to be assigned here, including the Network Coordinator. Student Conservation Association interns will also be based here from time to time with the network.

-John Fry Resource Manager

# A NEW FACE

As some of you may have noticed, the first floor of the Museum building is going through a makeover of sorts. The park's servers have already been moved to a different room as well as the building rewired. These changes are being made to make room for the Southeast Coast Inventory & Monitoring Network. The first of this team to arrive is Mike Byrne. Mike was selected as the Southeast Coast Network Wildlife Ecologist, to be stationed at Cumberland Island National Seashore. Mike's relocation expected to occur on January 23rd. During the next several years, Mike will be working on development the implementation of several Vital Signs monitoring protocols related to reptile, amphibian, bird, and mammal communities. Mike has been working

for the Southeast Coast Network as one of our data technicians and unofficially as their wildlife ecologist for more than a year. This past spring, Mike served as an ecologist on detail to the Gulf Coast Network where he successfully completed revisions on their Phase I report as well as revised and completed their conceptual ecosystem models (for which he received an award). We



look forward to working with Mike along with the rest of the crew and know that Cumberland Island's employees will make their stay a pleasant one.

> - Joe DeVivo SECN Coordinator



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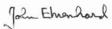
Mr. Jerre Brumbelow, Superintendent Cumberland Island National Seashore 129 Osborne Street P.O. Box 806 St. Marys, Georgia 31558

Dear Superintendent Brumbelow:

We have all returned back to our desks after a most exciting and rewarding week on Cumberland Island where we took part in the *Preserving the World's Heritage Resources* workshop, November 2-6, 2005. The study and preservation of archeological and heritage sites around the world has never been more important than today and now more than ever, there is a need to support communication and interaction among and international and interdisciplinary community that deal with heritage resource management.

I sincerely thank you for your support and commend the entire staff of Cumberland Island National Seashore for their superior cooperation, support and interest in this workshop. Without this help, from brick mason to secretary, administration to boat operator, this workshop would not have been possible. Participants were overwhelmed by the island setting and were more than pleasantly surprised and the outstanding accommodations. All left the island with a sense of accomplishment and sense of obligation to complete the important work elements of the upcoming book that will be published from these proceedings. This could not have happened to such a high degree at any other park in the National Park system.

With best regards to you and your staff



John E. Ehrenhard, Director Southeast Archeological Center

# **CUIS Receives Help**

Brandon Lacey with the Camden County



correctional facility inmates at Stafford Beach House. Progress continues with the exterior decking being

replaced with treated lumber. The beach house was acquired by NPS in 2000 and needs both an exterior and interior

restoration. Materials used to date have been mostly left over from other jobs on the Island.



# Cumberland Island Hosts International Workshop

On November 2-6, people from all over the world attended a workshop aiming to preserve the world's heritage resources. Organized by Dr. George S. Smith, associate director of the Southeast Archaeological Center in Tallahassee, Fla., and Phyllis Messenger, director of the Wesley Center at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn., the workshop entailed detailed discussion between renowned attendees in hopes of developing an "action plan" to aid in the preservation of those resources. Attendees included archaeologists, lawyers, students and cultural

anthropologists from all over the world including the United Kingdom, Australia and Nepal.

"By heritage resources we mean things like archeological sites and monuments, things that are important to various cultures," Smith said. "What we are finding out is that due to the pressures of modern society, there's a tremendous amount of pressure to have land taken over for other kinds of purposes. Unfortunately, in those lands we have these heritage resources and they're going at a tremendous rate."

Before the workshop, each person in attendance wrote a paper on public policy and resource management that was incorporated into the results of the workshop and published in a volume where it will be used for future workshops and international conferences.

"We believe that there's a basic human right to try to connect to the past in some way, and when that connection is broken, history is changed for the benefit of the people in charge. It



takes people's ability to connect to their own past away from them" Smith said. "This is not just the heritage resources of the United States, it's the heritage resources of the world, and this is difficult because a policy that may work well in the United States may not work in Bali," Smith said. Smith explained, "When you are working globally, you have to be concerned with what heritage is and what it means to those people. That is why we are preserving the world's heritage resources through public policy and resource management."

- Justin Helton Administrative Assistant



# U.S. Fish and Wildlife Visit the Park Joyce Hulbirt, VIP

The Jacksonville Ecological Service Field Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service chose Cumberland Island National Seashore for their wither field retreat on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Fourteen of the office staff, a representative of the Corps of Engineers and a volunteer made the day long trip to the island. Linda White, GIS analyst arranged the visit.

Cumberland interpretive ranger Ginger Hollingsworth-Cox took the group on the Dungeness walk while VIP Joyce Hulbirt led two tours of Plum Orchard. The group had lunch in the YCC kitchen, prepared by Linda White, Annie Dziergowske and Teddie Forbs.

Dave Hanhla, Field Supervisor said, "The cultural tours were memorable since we do not see much of this kind of history in our field. We were very interested in the maritime system because the kinds of conditions on Cumberland Island are in a relatively natural condition."

The group is looking forward to a return trip to the park.

### Conversion to Narrowband Nearing Completion.



Contractor's installing antenna on the repeater tower near Plum Orchard

Due to the high demand of frequencies from wireless devices the Federal Government mandated 2-way radio systems convert from an analog signal to a digital and narrowband signal. This greatly increases the number of frequencies available for other uses.

This mandate required the park to rebuild its radio system. Much of the equipment was no longer compatible and was replacement. New equipment included handheld radios, mobile radios and consolets. The repeater and duplexer were replaced as well as all of the island antennas. The tower behind the museum building also received a new antenna.

Needless to say with a conversion this complex there was a few obstacles to overcome. The major hold up was after receiving the new equipment the park was advised we could no longer use our current frequencies. They were given to the Dept. of Home Land Security. After waiting over two months for the replacement frequencies we begin programming and installation the new equipment. Larry Pilcher, Purchasing Agent, stayed busy keeping everything organized, along the way he has become a radio expert!

Now with the new equipment installed and operational the range and clarity of the system has improved significantly. If you have any questions on the operation of the radios contact Eric Ulitalo, LE Ranger or Dennis Parsons, Chief Ranger.

## **Emergency Call Boxes**

Two emergency call boxes have been installed on Cumberland Island. The call boxes will aid visitors report



Plum Orchard Emergency Call Box

emergencies to Park EMS and Law Enforcement personnel.

The call boxes are located at Sea Camp Visitor Center and near Plum Orchard at the repeater station.

Operation of the call box is very simple. When the call

box is opened an

emergency tone and message is broadcast over all park

radios. The message is "Emergency at Sea Camp" or "Emergency at Plum Orchard" depending on the location of the call box. When the emergency announcement is complete instructions are given to the operator on the boxes operation. The instructions



Sea Camp Call Box

will only be heard by the operator. The call box will then work like a typical two way radio with the large red button as the push to talk button.

When you hear the tone and message on your radio wait a few seconds to respond. The call box will not receive a call while it is giving instructions.

- Dennis Parsons

Chief Ranger

# Othe Others



Artist Martin Pate created a painting of Stafford Plantation, as it would have appeared in the fall of 1850. The painting now hangs in the Cumberland Island National Seashore Visitor Center where it will be used as an educational tool to give visitors an idea of what a slave village looked like during that time period. The artist, Martin Pate of Newnan, Georgia was commissioned to create the painting using information from historical documents and records, an archaeological dig of the site, photographs of



the ruins and a visit to the island. Pate submitted three to four sketches of different views of the cabins and the park decided on a scene that shows the cabins as well as the main house. Pate grew up in a family of artists where he gained part of his inspiration in becoming an artist. Pate majored in illustration and graduated with honors from Ringling School of Art in Sarasota, Florida, in 1981. He currently lives with his wife in Newnan. Some of Mr. Pate's other works include interpretive art, portraits, originials and prints.

- Justin Helton Administrative Assistant